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Dear Governor Brewer:

As Chairman of the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC), I am pleased to present our 2010 Annual Report covering Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) pursuant to A.R.S. 41-3542. The PSCC works to ensure that Arizona's public safety personnel, at all levels of government and within non-governmental organizations, have access to quality interoperable communication systems, are adequately trained, and utilize such systems effectively in multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional response.

Over the past year, the Commission continued its work to advance key strategic initiatives outlined in Arizona's Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Approved by the PSCC in an open meeting on January 19, 2010, the updated SCIP serves as a roadmap for public safety officials by describing the status of interoperable communications throughout the state and by documenting the specific goals and objectives the state has established to improve public safety interoperable communications.

The Commission and GITA's Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office (PSIC) focused on the following strategic initiatives this year in partnership with public safety stakeholders statewide:

- Expand & Implement Interoperable Communications Governance Model & Plan
- Establish a Policies, Standards & Procedures (PSP) Framework, and Implement PSPs, Including Standard Operating Procedures, for Statewide Interoperable Communications Solutions
- Complete the Arizona Interagency Radio System (AIRS) by Deploying Remaining AIRS Suites
- Implement, Enhance and Promote Functional Regional Systems in Support of Interoperable Communications
- Upgrade the Statewide Microwave Backbone Infrastructure to Digital Technology
- Implement the State Strategic Technology Reserve

- Upgrade Operable Communication Systems for State Agencies In Support of Interoperable Communications
- Develop and Implement Training & Exercise Plans to Address Interoperable Communications
- Create and Implement an Education and Outreach Plan in Support of Interoperable Communications

Attached you will find PSIC's 2010 SCIP Implementation Report. Submitted annually to the Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), the report is a summary of Arizona's progress in regard to its SCIP initiatives. This report, combined with the four quarterly (more detailed) reports submitted by the PSIC Office to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee covering FY2010, provide a comprehensive view of the state of communications interoperability in Arizona.

In addition to advancing Arizona's SCIP, the Commission supported efforts to implement the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP). The NECP is the Nation's first strategic plan to improve emergency response communications & ensure emergency response personnel can communicate through improvements in communications operability, interoperability and continuity nationwide. The NECP sets forth 3 key goals for improved interoperability, operability, and continuity of communications as follows:

- Goal 1 - By 2010, 90 percent of all high risk urban areas designated within the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) are able to demonstrate response level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies
- Goal 2 - By 2011, 75 percent of non-UASI jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within one hour for routine events involving multiple jurisdictions and agencies
- Goal 3 - By 2013, 75 percent of all jurisdictions are able to demonstrate response-level emergency communications within three hours, in the event of a significant incident as outlined in national planning scenarios.

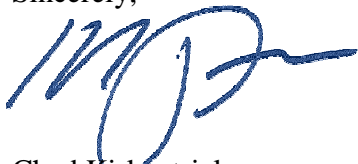
When the SCIP was updated in 2010, it was aligned with the NECP (which was adopted in 2008). In FY2010, PSIC staff worked closely with our stakeholders in Phoenix and Tucson in support of the successful NECP Goal One Performance Assessments of the Phoenix and Tucson UASIs. The PSCC also approved the Arizona NECP Goal Two Assessment Methodology for non-UASI counties. The methodology is included in section three of the 2010 SCIP Implementation Report.

When first responders are unable to talk to one another, lives and property are at risk. We will continue to tirelessly advance efforts in this important area for all Arizonans.

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Arizona. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Representative Kirk Adams, Speaker of the House
Senator Robert "Bob" Burns, President of the Senate
Ken Bennett, Secretary of State
GladysAnn Wells, Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
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Attachments:

- A: 2010 SCIP Implementation Report
- B: Second Quarter CY 2010 JLBC Report
- C: First Quarter CY 2010 JLBC Report
- D: Fourth Quarter CY 2009 JLBC Report
- E: Third Quarter CY 2009 JLBC Report